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STAR SPOT: STEVE DAVIS!

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TV COMIC

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I WONDER WHAT MADE SWEE'PEA THINK I'D TAKE HIM FISHING TODAY?
ERF! ERF!
What's Pink Panther up to?
Draw your own conclusions!
THERE!

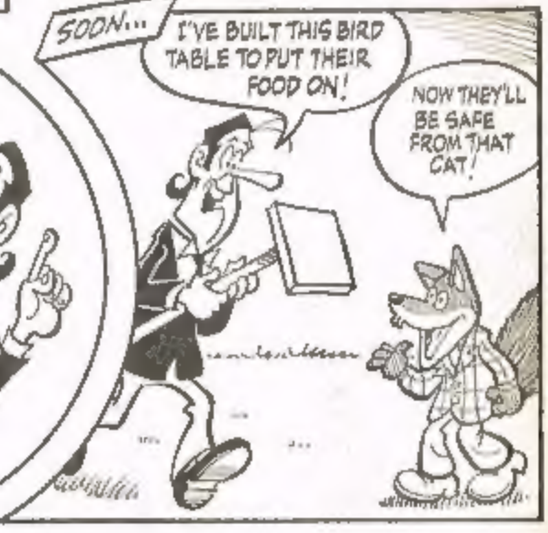
BASIL BRUSH

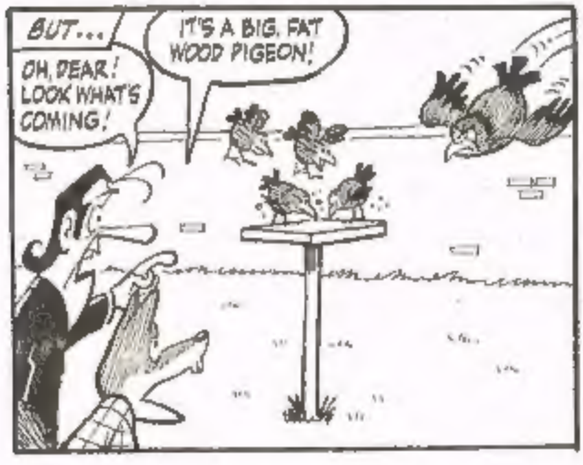
THE BIRDS NEED A BIT OF 'ELP WITH FEEDIN' THIS TIME OF YEAR!
THIS WILD-BIRD SEED WE'VE JUST BOUGHT IS IDEAL FOR THEM!

THAT'S ODD! THEY'RE NOT COMING DOWN FOR IT!
NO WONDER!

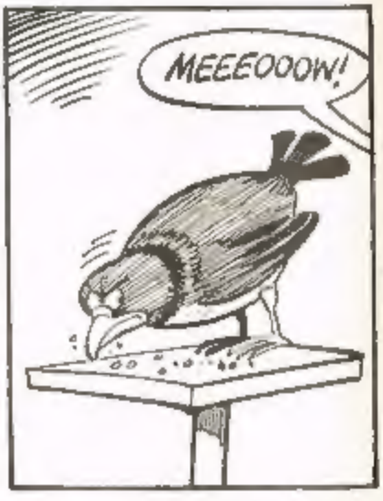
NEXT DOOR'S CAT IS FRIGHTENING THEM OFF!
SHOO!

YOU WON'T KEEP HIM AWAY, GUV! BUT I HAVE AN IDEA!


SOON...
I'VE BUILT THIS BIRD TABLE TO PUT THEIR FOOD ON!
NOW THEY'LL BE SAFE FROM THAT CAT!


BUT...
OH, DEAR! LOOK WHAT'S COMING!
IT'S A BIG, FAT WOOD PIGEON!

HE'S SCARED THEM ALL AWAY!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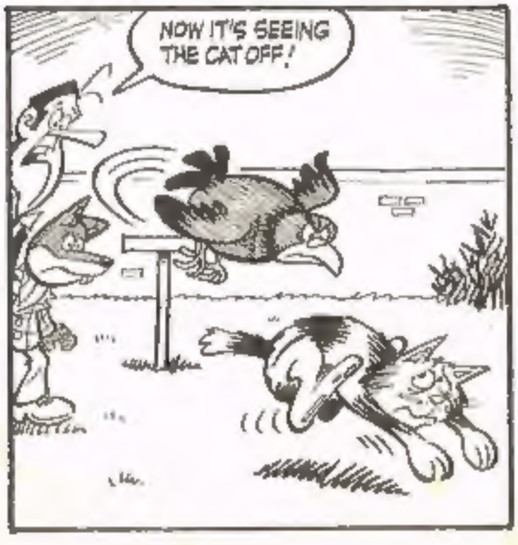
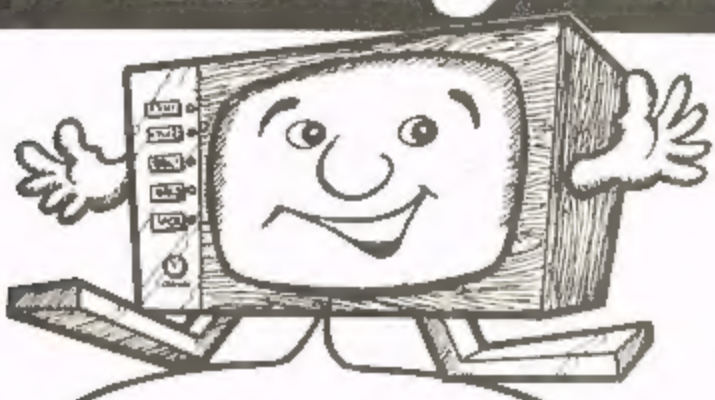

NOW IT'S SEEING THE CAT OFF!

CRUNCH!

THE WOOD PIGEON HAS GONE OFF IN A DAZE, AND I DOUBT IF WE'LL SEE THAT CAT FOR A FEW 'DAZE' EITHER!



Tellytalk

POT LUCK

Shelley Coupe of Chesterfield wrote in asking for a STAR SPOT photo of ace snooker player STEVE DAVIS – especially for her sister, Mandy, who collects pictures of him. So for *all* his fans, here – on cue – comes Steve, as he appeared in the Thames Television series, *The Champions*.

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HERE'S A COACH only royals get to travel in – and then, usually, for coronations. Built in the reign of George III, it's the famous Gold State Coach, which weighs 4 tons! It even has three cherubs on the roof to hold up the Royal Crown.

It's featured among the right royal feast of facts about *The Royal Family* – a seven-part series coming soon from Yorkshire Television.

Presenter Ronald Allison (pictured), former press secretary to the Queen, reveals the answers to such questions as: what does the Queen like for tea, and does she watch television?

Why not tune in, yourselves, to find out? You'll learn a lot about Buckingham Palace, too – with its 600 rooms, staff of 350, own telephone exchange, post office and police station. Fit for a Queen, in fact!

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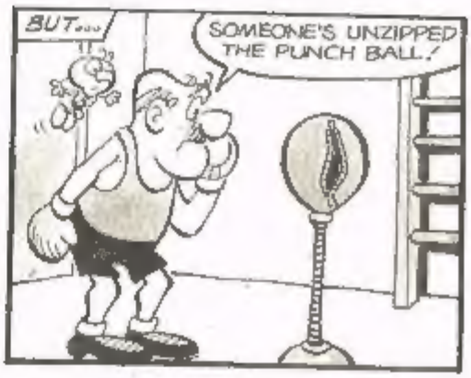
When it comes to hobbies, comedian Bernie Clifton says that, because he is very busy working, he has to catch up with his *sleep* in his spare time! "I do go running, however," he admits, "and I also like flying micro-light aircraft!"

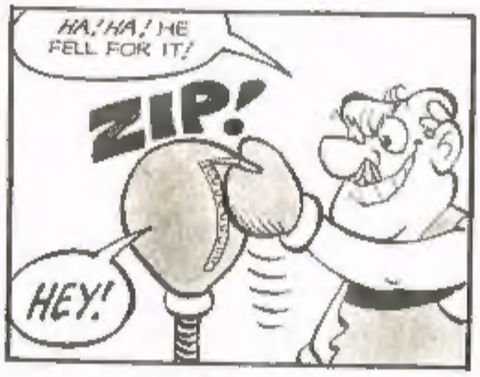
Courtesy of Thames Television

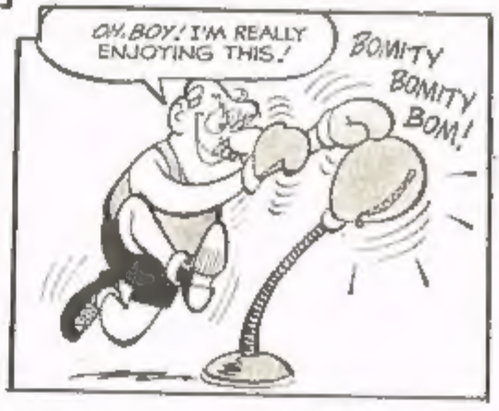
MIGHTY MOTH

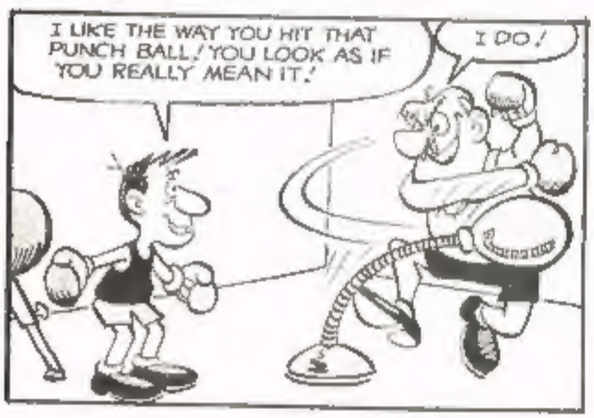
I'M GOING TO THE BOXING CLUB TO SHARPEN UP FOR MOTH SWATTING!


BUT...
SOMEONE'S UNZIPPED THE PUNCH BALL!

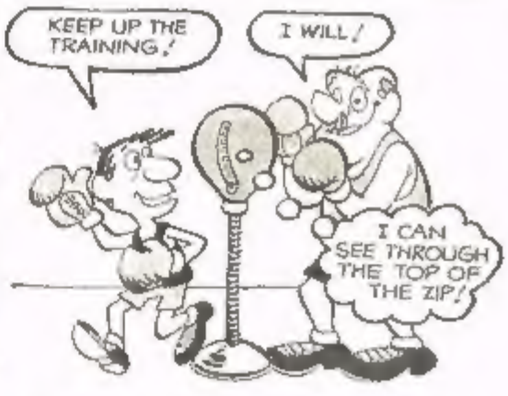
HEY, MIGHTY—THE PACKING INSIDE THAT BALL LOOKS A TASTY MOTH'S MEAL TO ME!
LET'S HAVE A LOOK!


HA! HA! HE FELL FOR IT!
ZIP!
HEY!

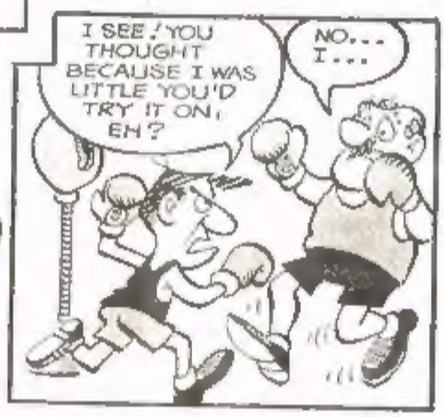

OH, BOY! I'M REALLY ENJOYING THIS!
BOMITY BOMITY BOM!


I LIKE THE WAY YOU HIT THAT PUNCH BALL! YOU LOOK AS IF YOU REALLY MEAN IT!
I DO!

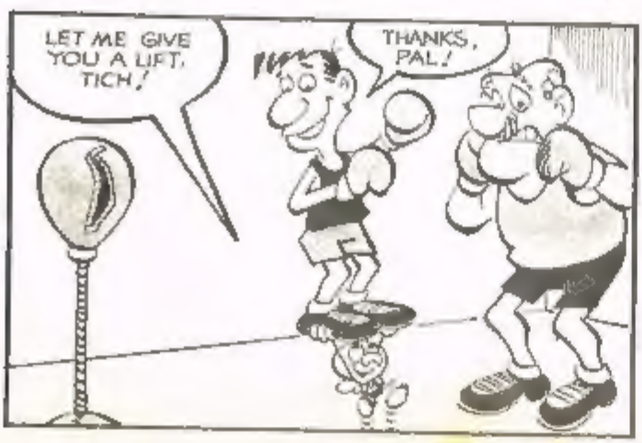
I'M MIKE MINI, THE LOCAL FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPION.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU!


KEEP UP THE TRAINING!
I WILL!
I CAN SEE THROUGH THE TOP OF THE ZIP!

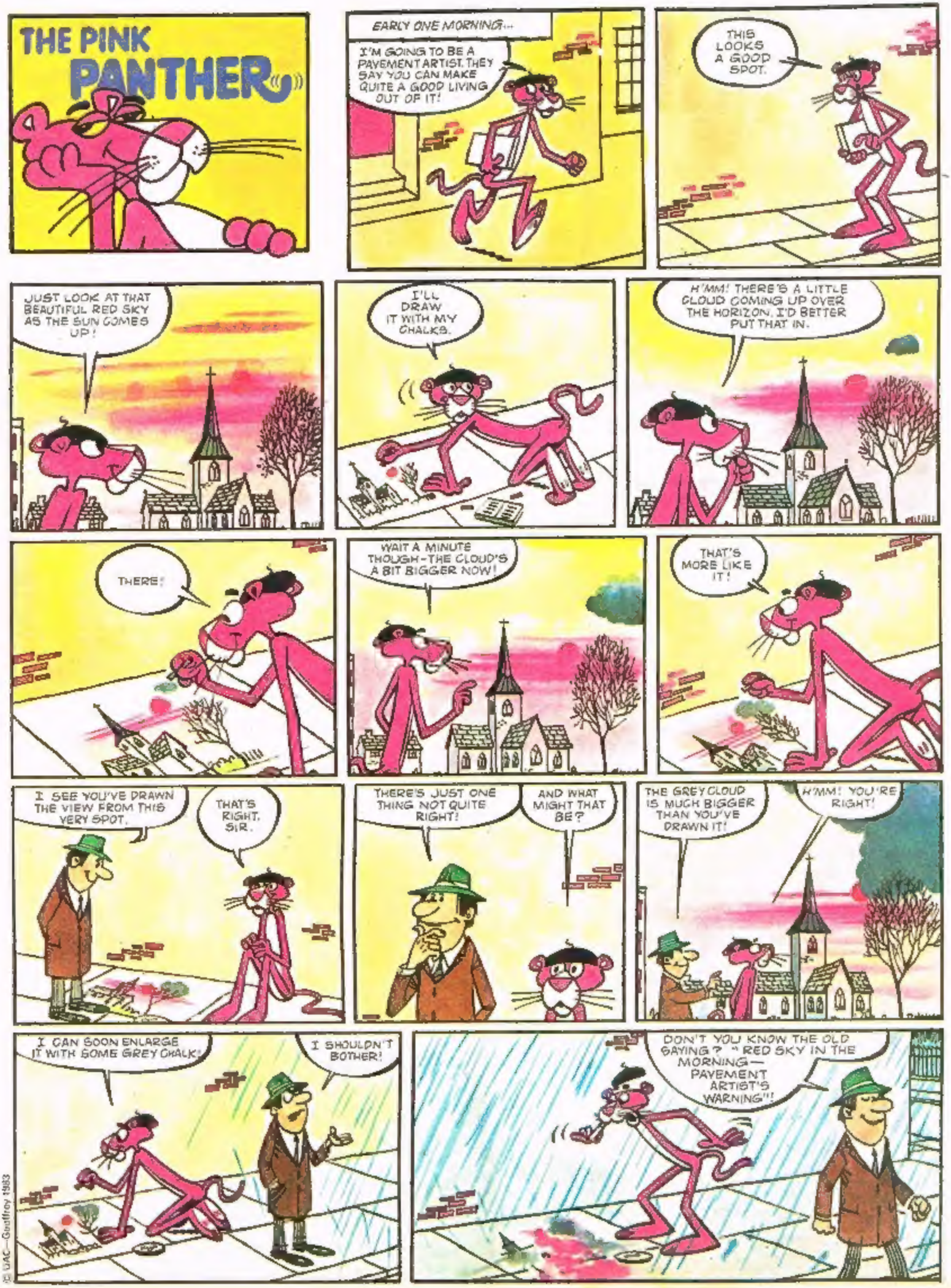
CLUNK!


I SEE! YOU THOUGHT BECAUSE I WAS LITTLE YOU'D TRY IT ON, EH?
NO... I...

FREE AT LAST!
I NEEDN'T HAVE WORRIED, THE LITTLE SQUIRT CAN'T REACH ME!


LET ME GIVE YOU A LIFT, TICH!
THANKS, PAL!

BIFF!
BONK!
HA! HA! A COUPLE OF GOOD LITTLE 'UNS CAN ALWAYS BEAT A ROTTEN BIG 'UN!


THE PINK PANTHER
EARLY ONE MORNING...
I'M GOING TO BE A PAVEMENT ARTIST. THEY SAY YOU CAN MAKE QUITE A GOOD LIVING OUT OF IT!
THIS LOOKS A GOOD SPOT.
JUST LOOK AT THAT BEAUTIFUL RED SKY AS THE SUN COMES UP!
I'LL DRAW IT WITH MY CHALKS.
H'MM! THERE'S A LITTLE CLOUD COMING UP OVER THE HORIZON. I'D BETTER PUT THAT IN.
THERE!
WAIT A MINUTE THOUGH—THE CLOUD'S A BIT BIGGER NOW!
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!
I SEE YOU'VE DRAWN THE VIEW FROM THIS VERY SPOT.
THAT'S RIGHT, SIR.
THERE'S JUST ONE THING NOT QUITE RIGHT!
AND WHAT MIGHT THAT BE?
THE GREY CLOUD IS MUCH BIGGER THAN YOU'VE DRAWN IT!
H'MM! YOU'RE RIGHT!
I CAN SOON ENLARGE IT WITH SOME GREY CHALK!
I SHOULDN'T BOTHER!
DON'T YOU KNOW THE OLD SAYING? "RED SKY IN THE MORNING— PAVEMENT ARTIST'S WARNING"!
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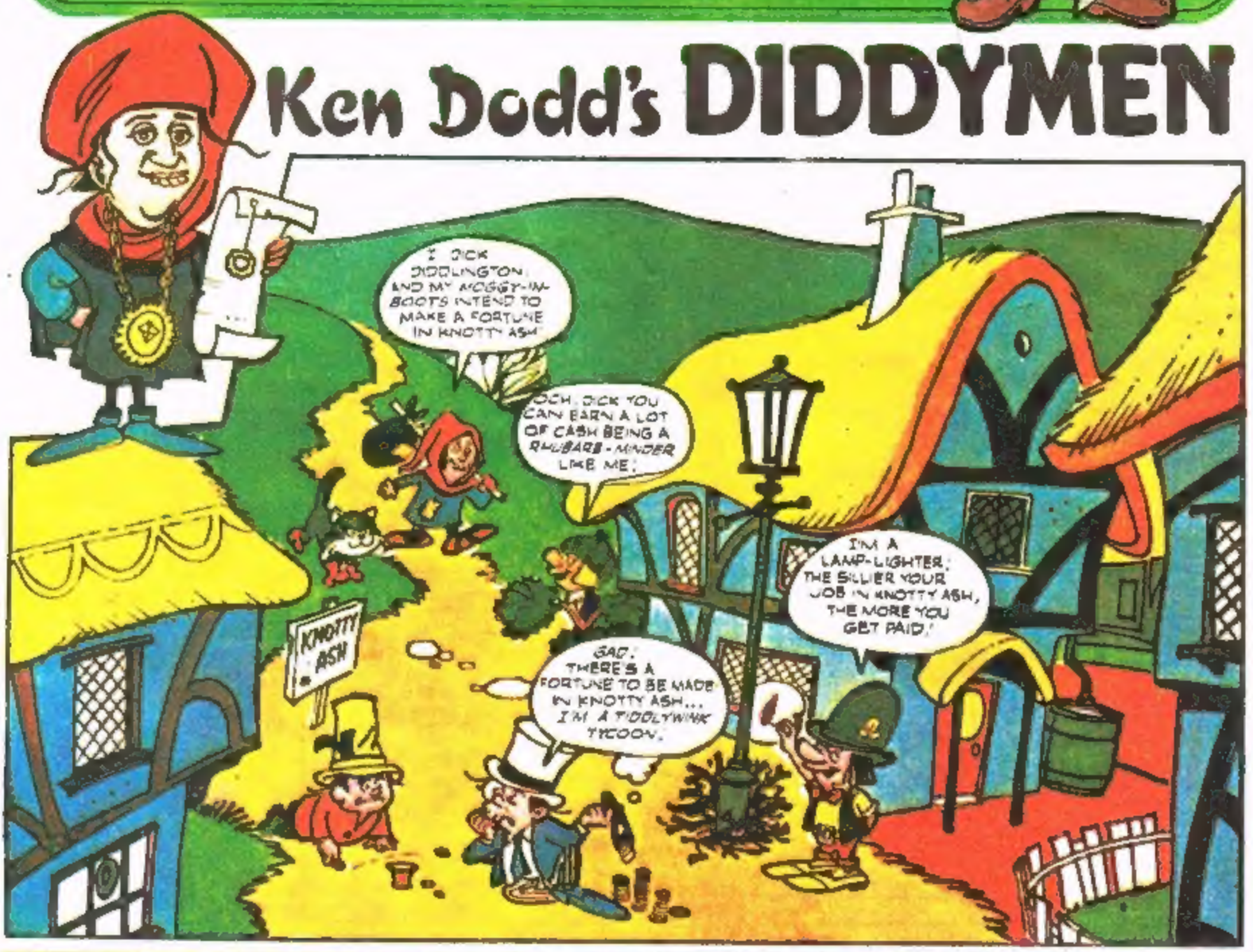
LUCKY STAR!

Here's a snippet of info for all you star-struck readers. The first child film star was a six-year-old boy, called Jackie Coogan. In 1920, Charlie Chaplin chose Jackie, the son of a vaudeville performer, to star in his film, 'The Kid'. Jackie was no one-hit wonder. In fact, he still appears on the big screen.

Ken Dodd's DIDDYMEN


I, DICK DIDDLINGTON, AND MY MOGGY-IN-BOOTS INTEND TO MAKE A FORTUNE IN KNOTTY ASH.
OCH, DICK YOU CAN EARN A LOT OF CASH BEING A RHUBARB-MINDER LIKE ME!
I'M A LAMP-LIGHTER. THE SILLIER YOUR JOB IN KNOTTY ASH, THE MORE YOU GET PAID!
GAD! THERE'S A FORTUNE TO BE MADE IN KNOTTY ASH... I'M A TIDDLYWINK TYCOON.
KNOTTY ASH

DICK GOES STRAIGHT TO THE LABOUR EXCHANGE. WELL NOT QUITE STRAIGHT BECAUSE ALL THE STREETS IN KNOTTY ASH ARE CROOKED...
LET'S TRY IN HERE, MOGGY.
PAY BEST
INTELLIGENT JOB SEEKERS PLEASE LOOK ELSEWHERE
WE NEED TOAD TAMERS £20000 PER YEAR.

NOW LET ME SEE! WHAT ELSE CAN I DO THAT MIGHT GET ME EMPLOYMENT?
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT! YOUR MOGGY'S GOT THE IDEA... HE'S A GREAT YAHNER!
SO DICK AND HIS MOGGY GET A JOB AT A FURNITURE SHOP...
I'M TIRED OF THIS JOB!
GOOD! HE'LL DO THIS SORT OF WORK BETTER IF HE'S TIRED!
BUY RUBBLE FILLED MATTRESSES CHEAP
MATTRESS DEMONSTRATORS
DICK DECIDES KNOT TO STAY IN KNOTTY ASH...
WE WON'T MAKE A FORTUNE LYING AROUND IN KNOTTY ASH... LET'S LEAVE!
OH, DEAR! IT'S A DOG'S LIFE BEING A CAT!
DICK AND HIS MOGGY STOP FOR A REST ON KNOTTY ASH HILL...
WHERE CAN WE GO TO MAKE A FORTUNE, MOGGY?
EEEYAH!
WHY IS HE ASKING ME?.. EVERYONE KNOWS A CAT CAN'T TALK!
THEN, JUST LIKE THE FAMOUS PANTOMIME TALE, THE BELLS TOLL FOR DICK TO RETURN TO KNOTTY ASH...
WHY THE BELLS ARE CALLING ME BACK TO KNOTTY ASH!
TINKLE TURN AGAIN DICK DIDDLINGTON... TURN AGAIN! TINKLE YOU'LL BECOME LORD MAYOR OF KNOTTY ASH!
SO DICK RETURNS IN THE HOPE OF BECOMING MAYOR... BUT THERE IS ALREADY A MAYOR...
EH?.. CHEEK!
THE BELLS OF A KNOTTY ASH ICE CREAM WAGON HAVE JUST TOLD ME TO BECOME MAYOR OF KNOTTY ASH... YOU'VE GOT MY JOB!
IF THE BELLS SAY SO, I'M BOUND TO BECOME MAYOR!
HOW CAN YOU?.. UNLESS SOMETHING REALLY UNEXPECTED HAPPENS, I'LL BE MAYOR FOR YEARS!
THAT'S MY HEAD-PHONE. I'LL ANSWER IT!
RINGG! RING!
WHAT?.. REALLY?.. WELL, THAT IS UNEXPECTED!
THE ICE CREAM WAGON NEEDS A NEW BELL-RINGER... IT'S THE SILLIEST AND HIGHEST PAID JOB IN KNOTTY ASH... I'M TAKING IT!
HURRAH! THANKS TO THE ICE CREAM BELLS OF KNOTTY ASH I'VE WON MY DING DONG BATTLE TO BECOME MAYOR!
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STAR LINE

Meet a 'famous five' who know the sweet secret of success! They're top, pop, singing sisters The Nolans. Here is an at-a-glance fact file on each of them.

COLEEN

Born: 12th March, 1965.

Birth place: Blackpool.

Height: 5 ft. 4½ in.

Colour of eyes: Hazel.

Hobbies: Ice-skating, swimming, tennis, horse-riding, supports Blackpool, Torquay United and Brighton football clubs.

Favourite artistes: Barry Manilow, Frank Sinatra.

Favourite food: Sausage and mash, beans, curry.

MAUREEN

Born: 14th June, 1954.

Birth place: Dublin.

Height: 5 ft. 2 in.

Colour of eyes: Hazel.

Hobbies: Tennis, swimming, golf, reading, walking, supports Brighton, Blackpool and Torquay United football clubs.

Favourite artistes: My Dad, Frank Sinatra, Jack Jones, Gladys Knight, Barry Manilow, Barbra Streisand.

Favourite food: Pork chops, Mediterranean prawns, French fries and home cooking.

BERNADETTE

Born: 17th October, 1960.

Birth place: Dublin.

Height: 5 ft. 1 in.

Colour of eyes: Blue.

Hobbies: Dancing, tennis, swimming, old films, supports Manchester United, Torquay United and Blackpool football clubs.

Favourite artistes: 10CC, Barry Manilow, Frank Sinatra, Stevie Wonder, George Benson.

Favourite food: Mum's Irish stew, meat, French fries, beans.

LINDA

Born: 23rd February, 1959.

Birth place: Dublin.

Height: 5 ft. 3½ in.

Colour of eyes: Blue.

Hobbies: Tennis, swimming, the cinema, shopping.

Favourite artistes: Stevie Wonder, Barbra Streisand, Frank Sinatra.

Favourite food: Foreign, especially Italian, plus bacon and cabbage.

ANNE

Born: 12th November, 1952.

Birth place: Dublin.

Height: 5 ft. 5 in.

Colour of eyes: Brown.

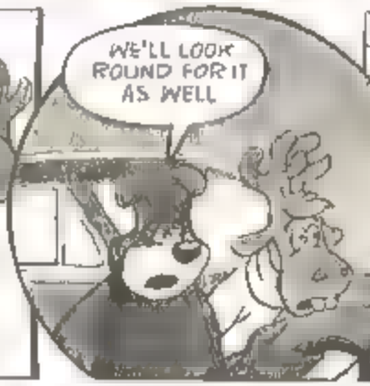
Hobbies: Married to Torquay United player Brian Wilson, Anne enjoys being a mother to their daughter, Amy, and watching football!

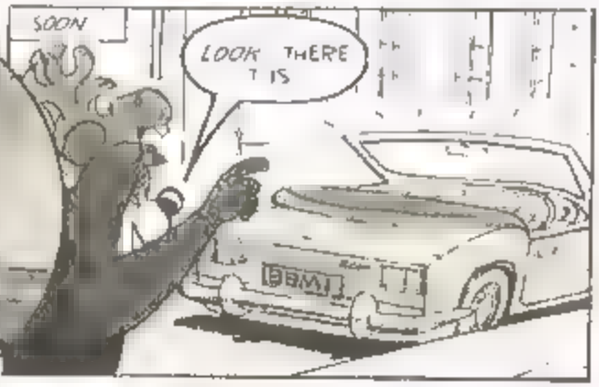
Favourite artistes: Frank Sinatra, Barry Manilow, The Eagles, Barbra Streisand.

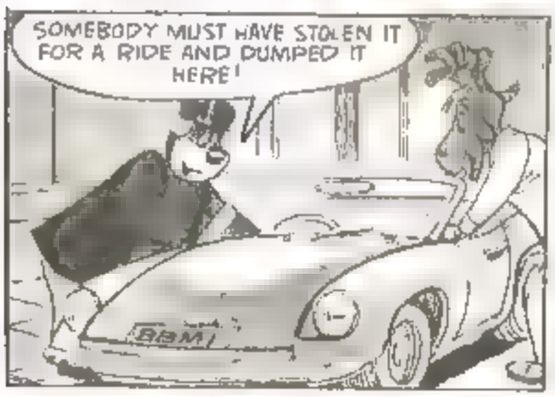
Favourite food: Egg and chips, chicken, bacon.

NEXT WEEK: THE STAR STUNTMEN!

BARNEY BEAR







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The BISTO KIDS
WHAT A LOVELY LITTLE KITTEN.
MEOW!
WOOF!
WHY DID YOU FRIGHTEN THE KITTEN BORIS?
HE'S JEALOUS
LATER...
THE BIRDIES NEED LOTS OF FOOD DURING WINTER
HE'S JEALOUS OF ANYTHING!
BORIS! HOW COULD YOU BE JEALOUS OF BIRDS?
WOOF! WOOF!
WHAT'S WRONG?
DAREN'T PAT BILLY'S DOG
HE EVEN GOES CRAZY IF I WAVE TO MRS. PERKIN'S BUDGIE.
LATER...
HELP!
REMIND ME NOT TO FEED THE GOLDFISH UNTIL BORIS IS OUT OF THE HOUSE
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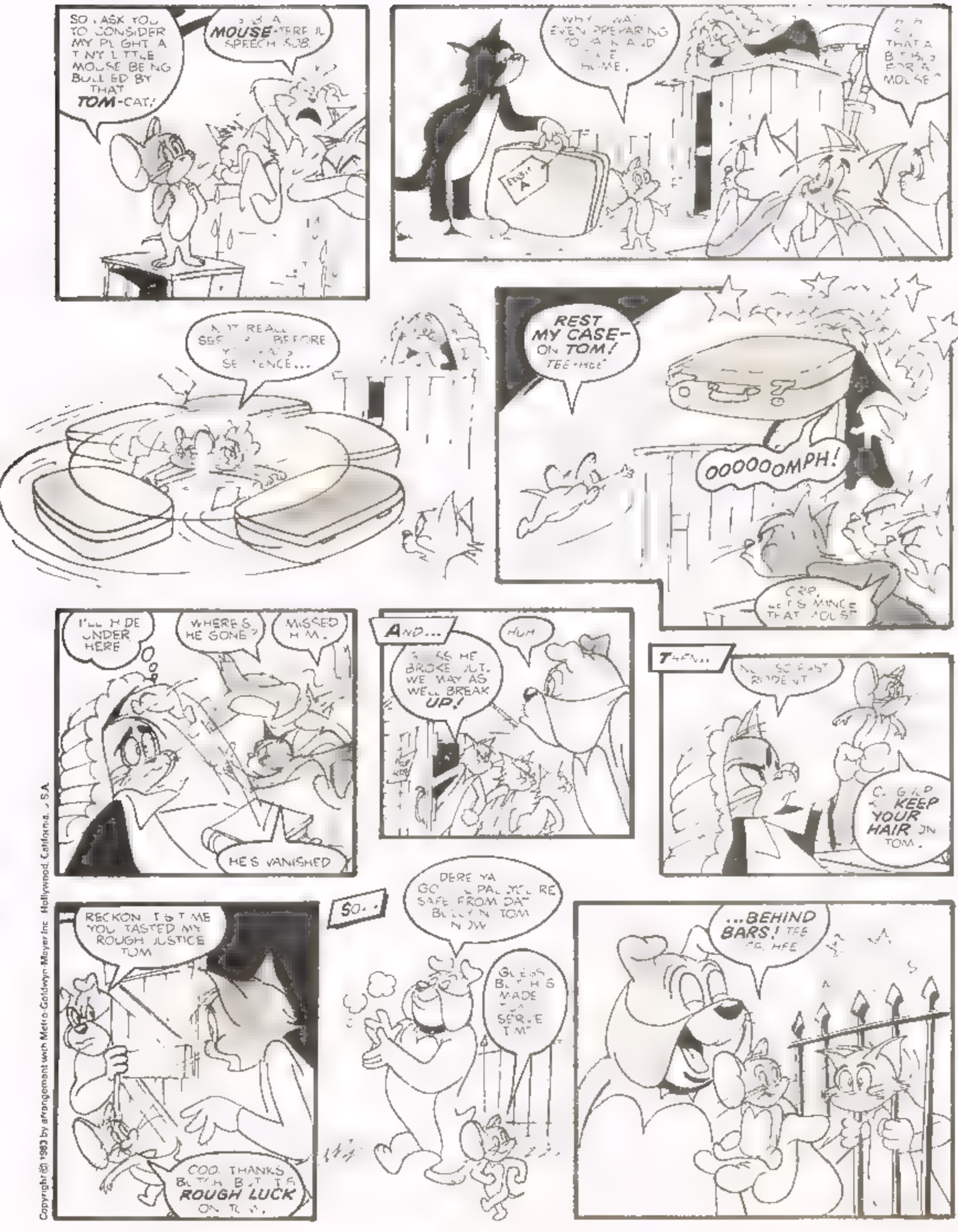
TOM and JERRY
JUDGING FROM MY QUIET CAN YOU GUESS WHAT'S COMING READERS? HEH HEH.
COURT HOUSE
MMM BRING ME JERRY TO TRIAL AT LAST
HUH? THAT FATTY THINKS A TRIAL TO ME RIGHT
YOU ARE CHARGED WITH CONSTANTLY OUTWITTING ME. DO YOU PLEAD GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY?
ER.. N...NOT GUILTY M'LUD
BAM!
BUT MAYBE I'D BE COURTING DISASTER TO STAY
HUH? I'M HERE
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE RODENT MAYBE I'LL JUST HAMMER OUT JUSTICE NOW
IF YOU SAY SO YOU'RE THE BIG-WIG.
WHAT THAT WAS TOO BIG TO SEE.
YANK!
WHAT..?
YEOWWW!
SECOND THOUGHTS I'LL CONDUCT MY OWN DEFENCE I'LL CONVINCE THIS JURY..
GAH. I'VE A NASTY INJURY.


SO, I ASK YOU TO CONSIDER MY PLIGHT A TINY LITTLE MOUSE BEING BULLIED BY THAT TOM-CAT!
A MOUSE-TERRIFIC SPEECH, SUB.
WHY, I WAS EVEN PREPARING TO TAKE HOME,
THAT A BIRD FOR A MOUSE?
I'LL HIDE UNDER HERE
WHERE'S HE GONE?
MISSED HIM.
HE'S VANISHED
AND...
HE BROKE OUT. WE MAY AS WELL BREAK UP!
HUM
THEN...
SO FAST PRUDENT
O, GLAD I KEEP YOUR HAIR ON TOM.
RECKON IT'S TIME YOU TASTED MY ROUGH JUSTICE TOM
COO. THANKS BUTCH BUT IT'S ROUGH LUCK ON YOU.
SO...
DERE YA GO PAL YOU'RE SAFE FROM DAT BULLY N TOM NOW
GLEEP BUTCH'S MADE A SERVE TIM
...BEHIND BARS! TEE HEE
REST MY CASE- ON TOM! TEE-HEE
OOOOOOMPH!
CRP, THAT'S MINE

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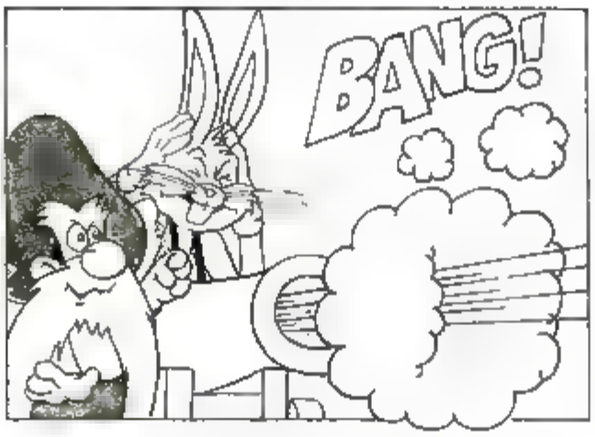
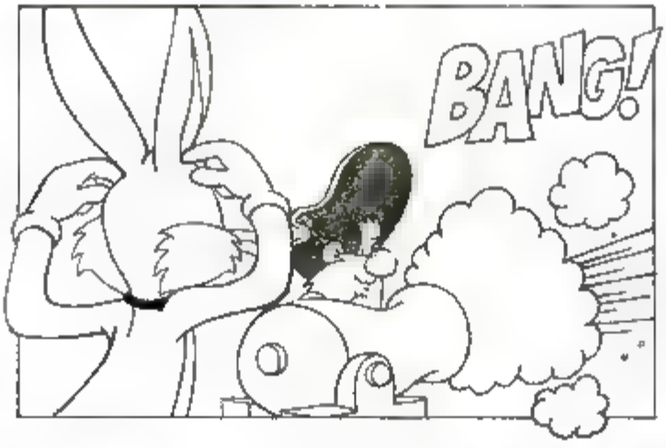
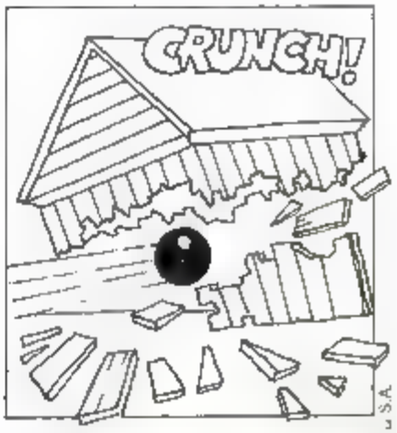
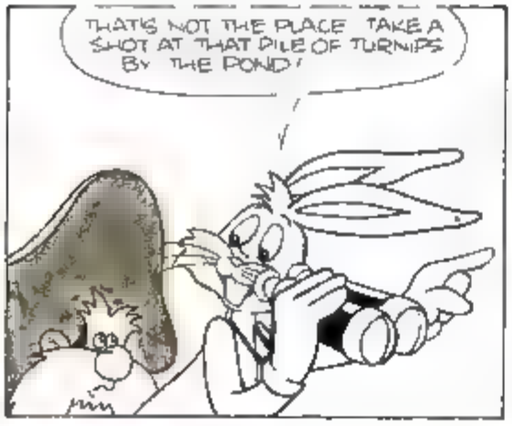
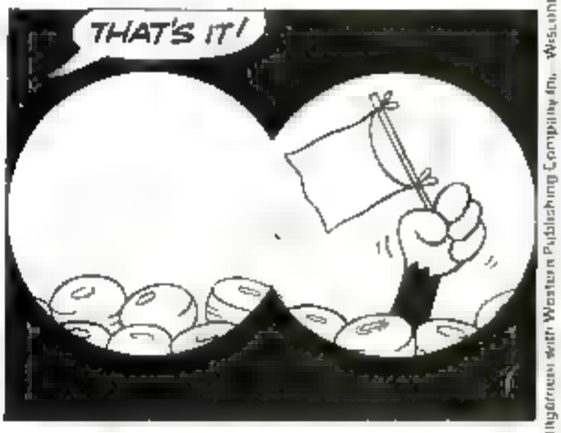
BUGS BUNNY

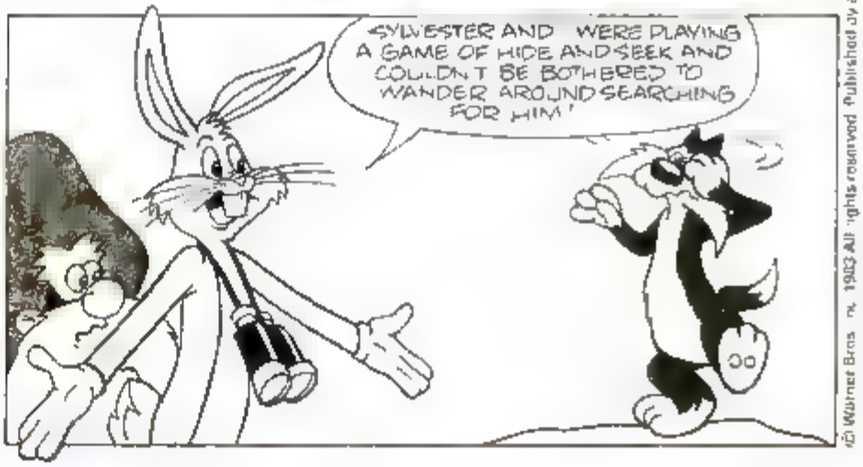












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Mr. Merlin

Created by Larry Parker and Larry Tucker

WHEN ZAC ENTERED A 'NOVICES RIDE AT A RODEO, HE SECRETLY USED MAGIC SO HIS PERFORMANCE WOULD IMPRESS MILLIE CARSON. BUT HER BROTHER, LUKE—A STAR RIDER—HAD BEEN INJURED AND MILLIE PERSUADED ZAC TO TAKE HIS PLACE NEXT MORNING...

TIME WE DRESSED FOR THE OCCASION. LET'S GO, ZAC!

I'M TO RIDE A WILD BRONC, MR MERLIN. PLEASE LET ME USE MAGIC, OR I COULD GET HURT REAL BAD!

SORRY, ZAC. NO CHEATING, THERE'S PRIZE-MONEY INVOLVED!

WHAT ABOUT MY NECK? BOY, YOU'RE REAL STUBBORN, SOMETIMES!

THEN...

HELLO! SEEMS I ARRIVED JUST IN TIME TO STOP YOU TWO SQUABBLING!

ZAC MUST LEARN NOT TO ABUSE HIS GIFTS, ALEX!

AS MR MERLIN EXPLAINED...

I THINK MAX IS RIGHT, ZAC.

I WAS AFRAID YOU'D SAY THAT. HERE COMES LEO, TOO!

MILLIE AND LUKE WERE WAITING...

HI, ZAC! ALL SET?

SURE—I'VE BROUGHT SOME... ER... FRIENDS ALONG!

DEBTS WILL FORCE US TO SELL 'STAR' UNLESS ZAC WINS FOR US TODAY! HE'S A NATURAL RIDER!

HECK! I CAN'T TELL HER THE TRUTH—NOT THAT SHE'D BELIEVE ME!

NEARBY...
THAT KID'S TOO GOOD TO LET RIDE. WE'LL SETTLE HIM—LIKE WE DID LUKE CARSON!
SURE THING, BOSS!
YOU'LL BE ON 'WHIRLWIND', ZAC! I'LL SHOW YOU!
MIND IF WE COME, TOO?
SUDDENLY...
ZAC, LOOK OUT! JUMP!
THERE'S NO TIME..! HE'S RIGHT ON ME!
NEXT MOMENT...
SHEESH! ZAC SURE GOT LUCKY! THE BRUTE TURNED. WHY?
I'LL BET MR. MERLIN KNOWS!
OH, ZAC! YOU COULD'VE BEEN KILLED!
YOU OKAY, SON? CAN'T FIGURE HOW THAT STEER BROKE OUT!
ZAC'S JUST SHAKEN UP, 'BLUE'! HE'LL STILL BE RIDIN'!
'BLUE' BAILEY HERE'S MY HOTTEST RIVAL. BUT I RECKON YOU CAN BEAT HIM, ZAC!
DON'T COUNT ON IT, LUKE 'WHIRLWIND'S' REAL WILD.
MEANWHILE...
I'LL USE LOCO-WEED. THIS TIME, THERE'LL BE NO ESCAPE FOR THE BOY!
AS THE MAIN EVENT BEGAN...
...I'M RIDING NEXT, MR. MERLIN. YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME!
THAT'S 'WHIRLWIND'?
WILL MR. MERLIN HELP? FIND OUT NEXT WEEK!
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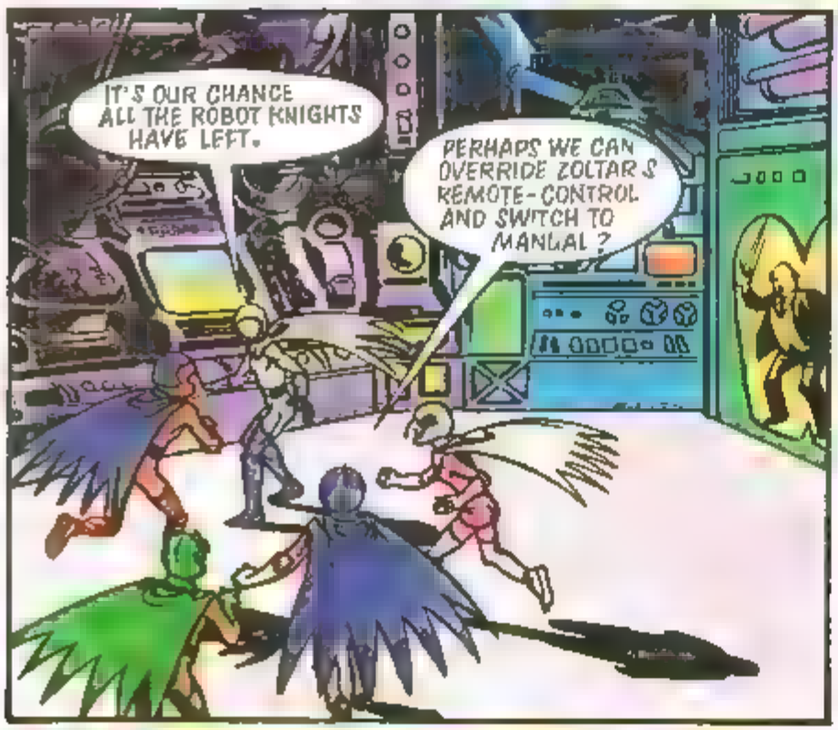
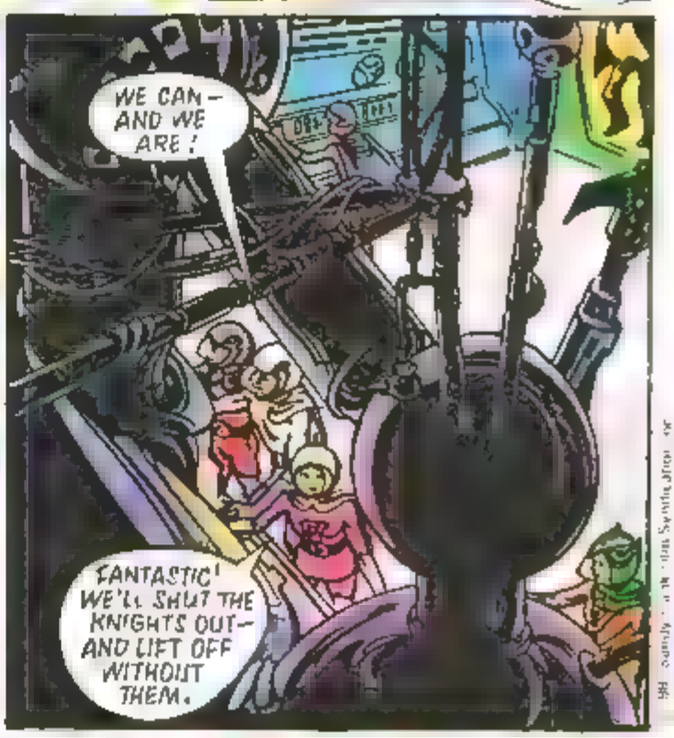
BATTLE OF THE PLANETS
USING ROBOT KNIGHTS AND A JET-PROPELLED CASTLE, ZOLTAR KIDNAPS A CITY'S V.I.P.s — GIVING G-FORCE A PROBLEM...
GANG, WE'VE GOT TO GET INTO THE CASTLE UNSEEN.
OR ZOLTAR WILL SCORE A TOWERING SUCCESS!
ZOLTAR ELSEWHERE
I'LL SEND THE CASTLE TO THE NEXT CITY FOR MORE VITAL HOSTAGES. THEN I DICTATE MY TERMS.
SOMETHING'S BOUND TO GO WRONG!
LOOK, THE CASTLE'S SEALING ITSELF!
THE PORTCULLIS IS LOWERING!
ALL PRISONERS ARE INSIDE.
THE FABULOUS FIVE FORM A 'POWER PYRAMID' AND BEGIN TO CHANGE FORM...
QUICK, WE HAVE TO DRILL OUR WAY IN!
BLEEP-BLOOP! HOW BORING!
WHEEEEEEEE!!
IT'S IN LIFT-OFF.
A FLYING FORTRESS WITH A DIFFERENCE.

ZOLTAR MUST REMOTE-CONTROL EVERYTHING FROM AFAR. KEEP BACK! LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

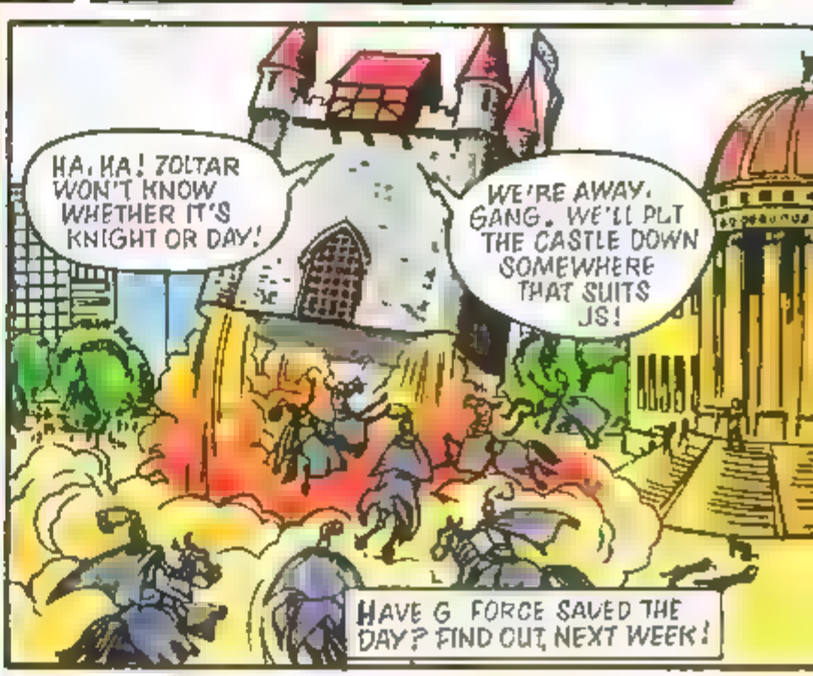
AT ANOTHER GREAT CITY...
I DON'T BELIEVE WHAT I SEE!
THIS IS CRAZY. IT'S GOING TO LAND.

NNNGH!
RAISE THE ALARM


IT'S OUR CHANCE ALL THE ROBOT KNIGHTS HAVE LEFT.
PERHAPS WE CAN OVERRIDE ZOLTAR'S REMOTE-CONTROL AND SWITCH TO MANUAL?

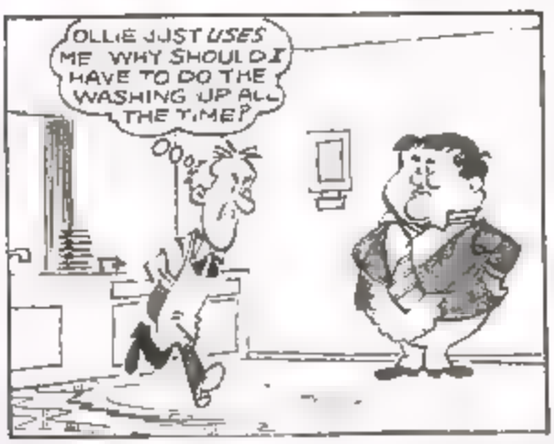

WE CAN— AND WE ARE!
FANTASTIC! WE'LL SHUT THE KNIGHTS OUT— AND LIFT OFF WITHOUT THEM.

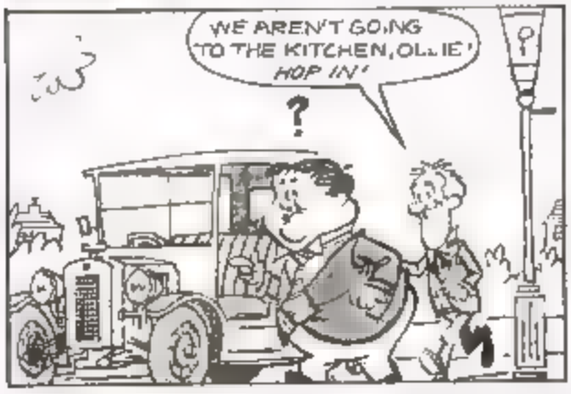
ZOLTAR, I THINK SOMETHING'S GONE ON THE BLINK.
AN ACCURSED FUSE MUST HAVE BLOWN.
SO HAS ZOLTAR'S...

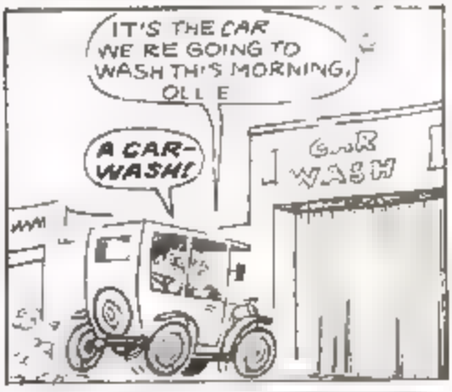

HA, HA! ZOLTAR WON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S KNIGHT OR DAY!
WE'RE AWAY, GANG. WE'LL PUT THE CASTLE DOWN SOMEWHERE THAT SUITS US!
HAVE G FORCE SAVED THE DAY? FIND OUT NEXT WEEK!

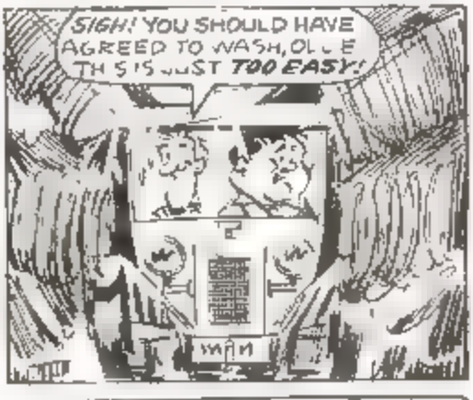
LAUREL and HARDY

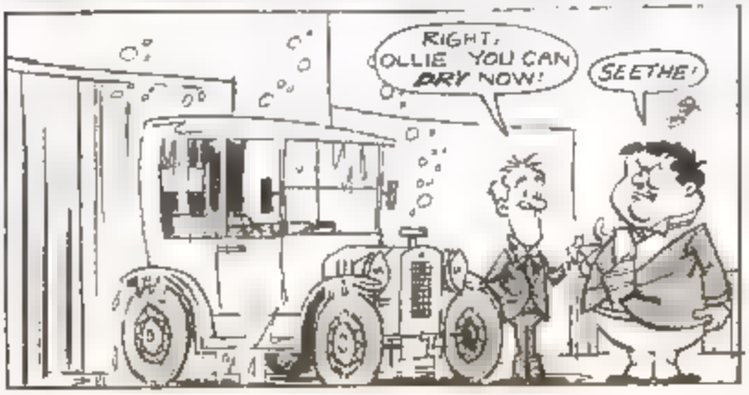
IT SN'T FAIR OLL-E-I ALWAYS HAVE TO WASH!
TSK! TSK! YOU DO MOAN, STANLEY!
BUT WASHING IS MUCH HARDER WORK, OLLIE!
NONSENSE, STANLEY! ERK! LOOK OUT!

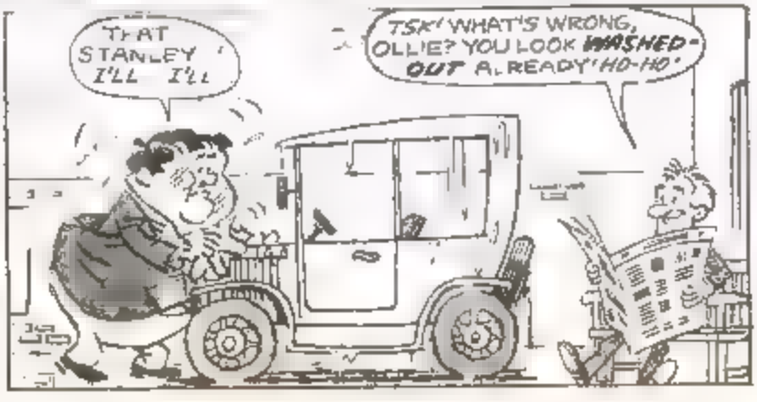












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★STAR LETTER

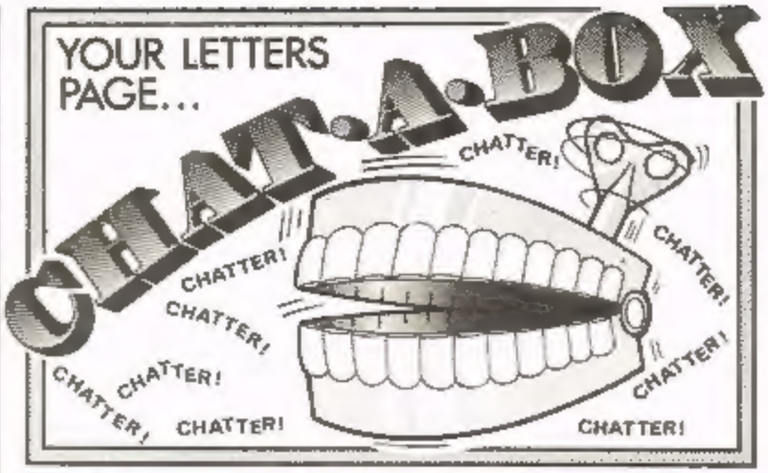
Dear Ed,
One day, my rabbit got out of his hutch. For two minutes, I did not know that he was out. He then escaped through the gap in the gate. One of my friends saw him and said, "Marc, your rabbit is out of the yard." I got three of my friends called Andrew, Philip and Daren to help. We blocked off where the rabbit was. He was in the street and I was scared about him getting run over. But Andrew made the rabbit run into my hands by chasing him. So I took him back and put him in the hutch. Then I went back and thanked my friends for what they had done.

From Marc Bateson, Manchester.

Dear Ed,
My Dad is a butcher, six feet tall and wears size two shoes.

Q. What does he weigh?
A. Meat, of course!

From ?, of Tamworth. Please send me your name. The Ed.



Dear Ed,
Once, when my Auntie Kay and Uncle Terry were visiting, we went out with their dog. When we got back, Mum discovered that she had forgotten the key to the house. So Uncle Terry took Ben the dog's lead off and put him through an open window. Then my big sister Elizabeth had to get through the window. So all together, we burgled our own home.

From Christopher Burgess, Kington Langley.

Nicola Farrington of Chalfont St. Peter sent me this poem. I hope you all enjoy it.

AUTUMN

Autumn leaves come tumbling down,
Spreading colours on the ground.
All red and yellow, green and brown,
I kick them and they make a sound.

This is a sign that winter's near,
With Christmas and a Happy New Year.
A time to start the year again.
Soon winter's snow will turn to rain.

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Dear Ed,
I have a little kitten called Sooty. This is how he got his name. One day, we wondered where he was. Later that morning, I found him – well, you can guess where he was, can't you? Yes, that's right. He was up the chimney. So that's how he got his name.

From Michele Parson, Alford.

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Dear Editor,
My Granny told me that when my Mum was little, they were going to go on a train journey one day. So my Granny said, "Let's get some sweeties for the train, Katrina?" My Mum sobbed, "No, don't get sweets for the train, get them for me!"

From an Adam Ant fan, High Wycombe.

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BUZBY
TENNIS IN THIS WEATHER? I'D FREEZE!
INDOOR TENNIS, YOU DOPE!
OH! THAT'S DIFFERENT!
AT THE INDOOR TENNIS COURT...
THE HEATING HAS PACKED UP, BUT WE CAN KEEP OUR CLOTHES ON AND PLAY THE MATCH!
BUT...
BRR! IT'S C...COLD UP HERE!
I'M WARMING UP ALREADY!
ME TOO! LET'S HAND THINGS UP TO THE UMPIRE AS WE DON'T NEED THEM!
GASP! I DON'T NEED THIS JACKET ANY MORE!
PHEW! THIS JERSEY CAN COME OFF!
I COULDN'T SEE A THING!
UNTIL...
GAME, SET AND MATCH TO ME!
HEY! THAT WAS OVER THE LINE!
LET THE UMPIRE DECIDE!
MEVIN
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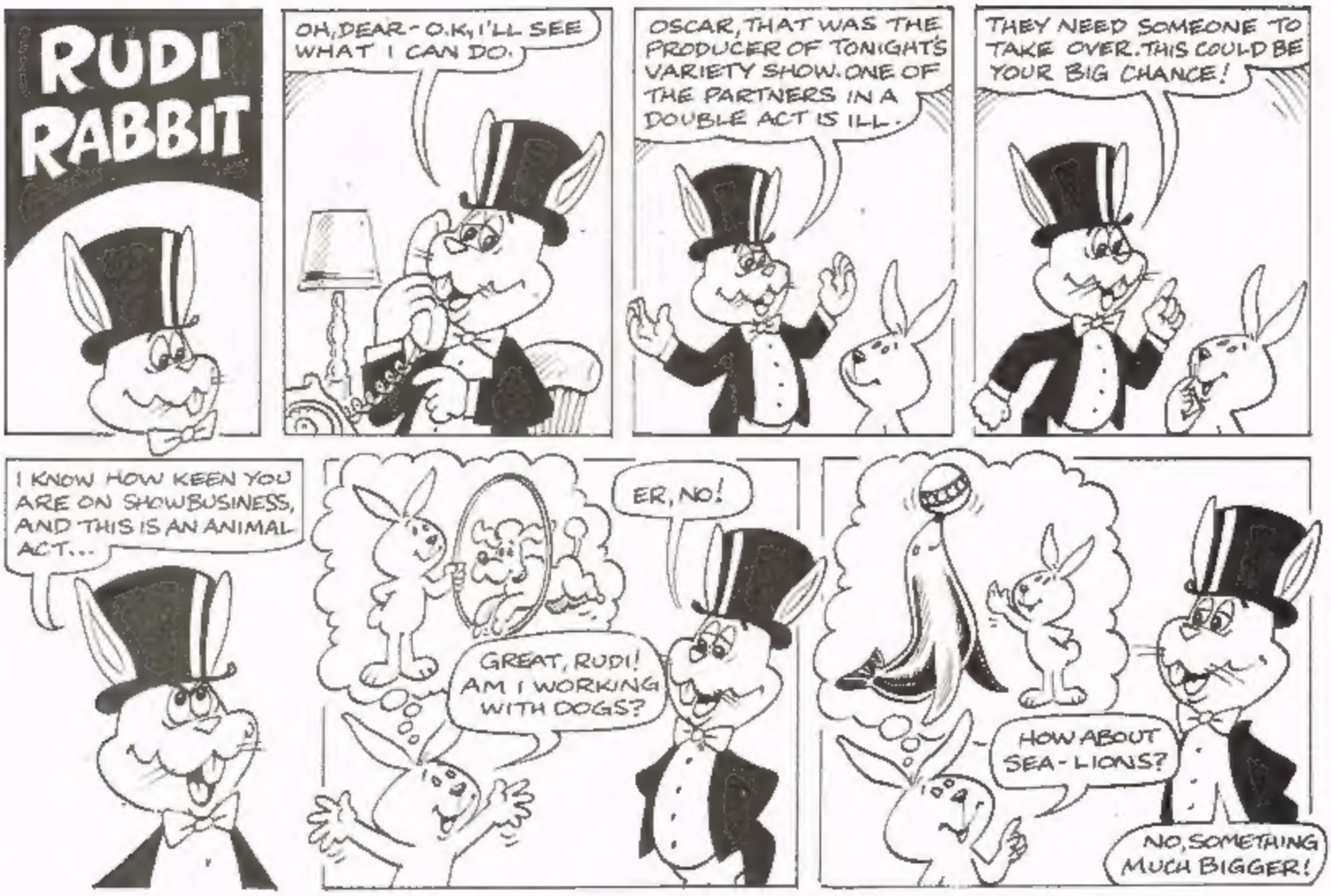
RUDI RABBIT


OH, DEAR - O.K, I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO.
OSCAR, THAT WAS THE PRODUCER OF TONIGHT'S VARIETY SHOW. ONE OF THE PARTNERS IN A DOUBLE ACT IS ILL.
THEY NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER. THIS COULD BE YOUR BIG CHANCE!
I KNOW HOW KEEN YOU ARE ON SHOWBUSINESS, AND THIS IS AN ANIMAL ACT...
ER, NO!
GREAT, RUDI! AM I WORKING WITH DOGS?
HOW ABOUT SEA-LIONS?
NO, SOMETHING MUCH BIGGER!
NOT ELEPHANTS?
NO, OSCAR, IT'S A HORSE ACT. COME ON, I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE STUDIO.
LATER...
WELL, OSCAR, I MUST SAY YOU LOOK THE PART. CONGRATULATIONS.
VERY FUNNY - SHOWBUSINESS HE SAYS - ANIMAL ACT HE SAYS - ONE OF THESE DAYS, RUDI, ONE OF THESE DAYS...
HA HA HA!
PANTO
HO HO!

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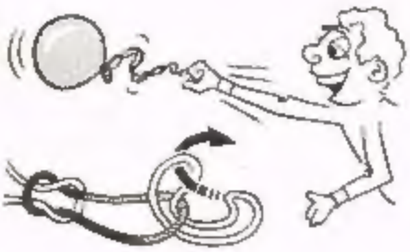
ALI BONGO'S BAZAAR

Salaams!

A PUNCH BALLOON

You can have a lot of fun with this 'punch-ball' toy – and it's really easy to make. Take some thin rubber bands and link them into a chain about two feet (60 cms) long. Fasten one end to a fully-inflated balloon and your 'punch-ball' is finished. Loop the free end of the elastic around your middle finger and use the same hand to punch the balloon away from you – again and again. See how long you can keep it going.

If you put some dried peas into the balloon before you blow it up, they make a super sound effect.



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POPEYE
SPINACH
HEY! BREAK IT UP, YOU TWO!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHY ARE YOU FIGHTING?
YEAH! THAT'S NO WAY TO BEHAVE!
BRUTUS'S NEPHEW SAID YOU'RE A SEA-FARIN' SLOB!
HEH-HEH! WELL THAT'S TRUE!
WHY, YOU...
AND SWEE'PEA CALLED YOU A BEARDED BLOCK-HEAD!
ARF-ARF! A VERY GOOD DESCRIPTION, I'D SAY!
OH, YOU WOULD, EH?
SO...
STOP THIS FIGHTING AT ONCE!
WHAT A BAD EXAMPLE TO SET THE YOUNGSTERS!
NOW, ALL SHAKE HANDS, SMILE AT EACH OTHER AND SAY SORRY!
SORRY!
THAT'S BETTER!
HAS SHE GONE?
YES!
THEN WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR!

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